

Social Service Human Relations Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 26, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL: President Wasko called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. Present were President Wasko, Vice President Chen, Members Franz, Villareal, and James. Members Neilsen and Soglin were absent. Staff: Wright.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from May 22, 2008 were tabled since a quorum of Members from the May meeting were not present.

3-A. RESOLUTION COMMENDING SSHRB MEMBER JIM FRANZ:

President Wasko began the reading of the Resolution, the remaining sections of the Resolution were read by Vice President Chen, Members Villareal, and James. Member Franz graciously accepted the Resolution. President Wasko asked those in the audience to come forward and share their personal commendations for Member Franz. The following is a list of the speakers and a summary of the sentiment they shared:

- Councilmember Doug Dehaan called Member Franz a living legacy in our community.
- Councilmember Frank Matarrese by email a thank you to Jim for his years of service.
- Councilmember Lena Tam by email declared Member Franz as an integral part of the community fabric.
- Doug Biggs stated that Member Franz is the safety-net service for people in need.
- Carol Beaver: Remembered Member Franz's energetic and compassionate nature.
- Chief Walter Tibbet recalled that Member Franz was the first person he sought out to start his relationship building with the community.
- Audrey Lord-Hausman by email advised that Member Franz has selflessly and generously set a very high bar for services to the community.
- Hans Wu read a letter of thanks from the City of Wuxi, China.
- Nanci Li presented Member Franz with a present from China.
- Rob Bonta shared his appreciation for Member Franz's generous and thoughtful leadership.
- President Wasko called Member Franz a great teacher, which gave her the skills and strength to run this Board.
- Vice-President Chen how great it was to serve with Member Franz and how he considered him a mentor.
- Member James recalled first meeting Member Franz when he was CPR trained as a youth by Red Cross.

3-A. WORKGROUP STATUS REPORTS:

Alamedans Together Against Hate – Member Villareal reported on the June 23rd round table discussion with Chief Tibbet. Member Villareal advised the group will be looking to potentially hold a future forum regarding same-sex marriage. Member James commented these types of forums offered a good opportunity to engage youth on the subject matter. President Wasko asked if the event received any press, and commented that what press she saw credited APD and not SSHRB accordingly.

President Wasko also suggested the group write a letter to the editor on the forum and Member Villareal agreed to draft the letter. Member Franz provided Connie Rux's phone number at the Alameda Sun and advised she would be a good contact.

Assessment and Awareness – In Member Nielsen's absence, Staff Wright provided an update.

Family Services Workgroup – President Wasko stated there is nothing to report.

Sister City Workgroup – Vice-President Chen reported on the last meeting of the Workgroup in which both Councilmembers Tam and Matarrese were in attendance. Both Councilmembers discussed the need for a liaison from the City Manager's office once the non-profit is spun off, which is anticipated to occur by the end of the year. Vice-President Chen also advised the draft bylaws were almost finished and inquired if the bylaws should be reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

Vice-President Chen also advised that Deputy Consul Shen Weilian has been promoted to the Consul General of Melbourne, Australia and asked if a letter from the Mayor could be drafted congratulating and thanking him for his service. Staff advised they would draft the letter and send to both President Wasko and Vice-President Chen for approval. President Wasko also advised that the Board could issue its own Proclamation at the next meeting and have it forwarded to Consul General Weilian in Melbourne.

4. BOARD / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: Member James provided an update regarding AC Transit's student pass discount effort.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

6. ADJOURNMENT: Member Franz adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m., second Villareal.

Respectfully submitted,

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